

MINUTES

July 9, 2009

Meeting held at:
Agriculture, Weights and Measures
5555 Overland Avenue, Suite 3101
San Diego, California 902124

COMMISSIONERS ATTENDANCE	DISTRICT	
Jack Bransford, Vice-Chair	1	Present
	1	Vacant
Bruce Campbell, Secretary	2	Absent
Florence Sloane	2	Present
Teresa Barth	3	Present
	3	Vacant
D'erdra Smothers, Ph.D	4	Present
Jim Dodd	4	Present
Jim Conrad, Chair	5	Present
Steve Turigliatto	5	Present

- A. A quorum of Commissioners being present, Chairman Conrad called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Introductions
The Commissioners introduced themselves. Other introductions are as follows:
Marcia Milam, Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures
Robert Atkins, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures
Elizabeth Castillo, Natural History Museum
- C. Approval of minutes of the meeting from June 11, 2009.
Minutes not available. Tabled until next meeting.
- D. Public Comment on any subject matter within Commission jurisdiction, but not on the agenda. (No discussion or action may be taken by the Commission.)
No comments.
- E. Chairman's Report (Conrad)
Chairman Conrad will make his report at Commissioner's Corner.
- F. Administrative Items--The Commission will discuss, and may take action on, administrative items related to the Commission.

Old Business:

1. Monthly Meeting with California Department of Fish and Game (Conrad)
Commissioner Conrad suggested this agenda item should be changed to reflect that the meetings with CDFG are quarterly.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Fisheries restoration issues (Campbell)
Commissioner Campbell was absent, no discussion.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Invitation to Dan Richards (Dodd)
Commissioner Dodd reported that he had spoken with Ed Zieralski, who agrees that it is a good idea to invite California Fish and Game Commissioner Dan Richards to a FWAC meeting.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

4. Proposed County Draft Regulations on shooting Clubs and Ranges (Conrad).
Commissioner Conrad reported this issue is at a holding point.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

5. Review of Commission Statement and Goals (Conrad)
No Discussion.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

6. Report on California Association of County Fish & Game Commissioners Meeting of 2/4/2009 (Conrad)
No further discussion, issue should be removed from agenda.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

7. Redesign with updates of FWAC brochure (Smothers)
Commissioner Smothers reported the brochure has been updated and would like staff to print 200 copies of the new brochure. The paper used should be appropriate for mailing and not white.

Motion made by Commissioner Bransford to approve the new brochure and print 200 copies. Seconded by Commissioner Barth. Call for vote: passed unanimously.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

8. Grant funding (Conrad)

Commissioner Conrad noted that all grant requests meet the Fish and Game Code criteria and asked Commissioners to comment. Commissioner Sloane said that she listed the grants by priority and the last on the list was 09/10-02 Summercreek because it was on private property.

Commissioner Conrad rated the grants as follows:

- 01 – \$3000
- 02 – \$0
- 03 - \$1000 for supplies
- 04 - \$1364 for supplies
- 05 - \$450 for belt feeders
- 06 - \$1000 - \$2000 for dvd's or photobooks
- 07 - \$2171 for survey work

Commissioner Smothers noted that since 2002, Hubbs-Seaworld had received about \$28,000 in FWAC grant funds, Aquatic Adventures had received about \$22,000, Oceanside Senior Anglers had received \$31,000 and the Natural History Museum had received about \$16,000.

Commissioner Barth rated the grants as follows:

- 01 - \$1500
- 02 - \$0
- 03 - \$1000
- 04 - \$2620 for acrylic boxes
- 05 - \$1500 for feeders
- 06 - \$1750 for website design
- 07 - \$2171

Commissioner Dodd suggested providing grant #09/10-07 with \$10,000 and not funding the other grants.

Commissioner Sloane rated the grants as follows:

- 04 - \$400 minimum for boxes
- 01 - \$1500
- 03 – Allocate funds requested for hands-on equipment

Commissioner Turigliatto rated the grants as follows:

- 01 - \$1500
- 04 - \$1000
- 06 - \$2000
- 07 - \$5000

Motion made by Commissioner Bransford to fund the grants as described by Commissioner Barth. Seconded by Commissioner Smothers. Call for vote: passed unanimously.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

FY	Grant Id	Round	Project_Name	Funds Requested	Funds Granted	Organization	Contact	Description
2009-10	01	1	Oceanside Senior Anglers 2009 Kids Sponsored Fishing Trips	\$3,000	\$1,500	Oceanside Senior Anglers	Fred Kaczmarek	Sponsor kids fishing trips for ages 7-15 during summer.
2009-10	02	1	Summerville Homeowner's Association Invasive Plant Removal	\$10,000	\$0	Summerville Homeowner's Association	Sandy Dabasinskas	Clearing Riparian Habitat of non-native plants
2009-10	03	1	Community-Based Habitat Education and Restoration Initiative	\$5,000	\$1,000	Aquatic Adventures Science Education Foundation	Shara Fisler	Create a healthy connection between a highly urbanized, low-income community and the wetland and canyon habitats within (What?)
2009-10	04	1	Connecting Kids to Nature	\$4,584	\$2,260	San Diego Natural History Museum Docents	Jessica Chatigny	Improve and expand the wilderness specimen teaching collection
2009-10	05	1	Optimized Rearing of Larval and Juvenile White Seabass	\$7,900	\$1,500	Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute	Dave Jirsa	Purchase equipment to improve and enhance existing and future research projects being conducted to optimize rearing of larval and juvenile white seabass
2009-10	06	1	A Multi Media Wildlife Guide to San Diego's Coastal Wetlands	\$10,225	\$1,750	San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy	Tara Fuad	Produce a 7-minute video on the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve and a "photo gallery" of lagoon wildlife
2009-10	07	1	Honey Springs Dog Training Facility	\$66,160	\$2,171	San Diego County Wildlife Federation	Robert Smith	Fund surveying and engineering required to develop detailed recommendations and plans for construction of the ponds
Total				\$106,869	\$10,541			

9. Financial Statement (Conrad)

Commissioner Smothers noted that the financial statement does not include one of the grants from the previous funding cycle. Commissioner Conrad suggested that in the future the Financial Statements should include all grant, including those not funded, to clear up any confusion.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

10. Semi-Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors (Conrad)

Commissioner Conrad asked the other Commissioners to send any comments they had to him and a draft report will be prepared for the August meeting.

Agricultural Commissioner Bob Atkins suggested language regarding legislative business as follows:

The Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission is committed to support legislation which strengthens Fish and Game laws and penalties for the purposes of protecting, perpetuating and promoting the biologically and fiscally prudent use of wildlife resources for the benefit of the public.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

11. Final Report for Aquatic Adventures Grant #2008/09-01 (Conrad)

Commissioner Conrad noted the report was accepted.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

12. Progress Report for San Diego County Wildlife Federation Grant #2008/09-06 (Conrad)

Commissioner Conrad said this item has been completed.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

13. Letter in support of SB 708 (Huffman) "New Poaching Fine Schedule" (Sloane)

Commissioner Sloane reported that the bill has moved out of the Public Safety Committee and into the Appropriations Committee and has strong support. She also noted that amendments have been made which raise fines for egregious violations and set aside money for enforcement. She also said she is concerned by new language in the bill which creates a new crime for torturing animals, then provides exceptions for hunting and other legal, consumptive activities.

Sufficient penalties and protections already exist in the Penal Code making new language unnecessary. She also noted that it is Assembly Bill 708 (AB 708 not SB 708 as listed on the agenda).

Commissioner Conrad noted that he has issues with the way the bill allocates money between the state and counties. He feels the language regarding dogs needs to be toned down and that the provisions for forfeitures should stay in the bill.

Commissioner Bransford asked if the Sportsman's Caucus has taken a position on the bill. Commissioner Conrad responded that they had input via the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA).

Motion made by Commissioner Bransford to write an initial letter, through the Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures, regarding the Commission's position on the bill and amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Conrad. Call for vote: passed unanimously.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

New Business:

1. Letter in Support of AB 1423 (Berryhill) "SHARE Program" (Sloane)
Commissioner Sloane reported the California Waterfowl Association has a program to indemnify landowners to open their property to the public. She discussed commercial hunting clubs and noted the bill has a section to strengthen penalties for hunter harassment.

Motion made by Commissioner Conrad to write letter of support. Seconded by Commissioner Turigliatto. Call for vote: passed with Commissioner Barth abstaining.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

2. PIER 2008/09-04 Final Report (Conrad)
Commissioner Conrad stated this item has been completed.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

G. Commissioner's Corner –

Commissioner Barth stated she attended a Marine Life Protection Act open house.

Commissioner Dodd asked staff to ask whether the optical equipment provided for in a grant to DFG is still in use. Terry Stewart or Ed Pert may have contact, Scott Bringman was the contact for the grant application.

Meeting adjourned 7:06 pm.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

No items were added to the next meeting's agenda at this time.